



Chaos as Creativity

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“When you arise in the morning, think of what precious privilege it is to be alive – to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.” Marcus Aurelius

About the Author

Catherine Wilkins is inspired by the collegial culture of Western Libraries and Western University. She provided leadership for The D.B. Weldon Library 2006-2018 and is now Librarian Emeritus. In her role at Western she worked collaboratively with colleagues and students on a variety of strategic library initiatives, was elected to Senate and actively served on numerous University Committees. Catherine holds a BMus (Western), MLS (Western), MEd (Toronto), Ed D (Toronto). Catherine's professional experience and scholarly achievements support her view that the academic library, as it has throughout history, continues to play a key role in supporting lifelong learning, teaching and research in the academy. It is important to balance the value of the academic library as a place of inspiration, scholarship and social interaction with the globally accessible digital library. Libraries hold culture—past, present and future that is paramount for intellectual freedom supporting scholarship and research and is fundamental to fostering democratic values. Catherine resides in London, Ontario actively enjoying the arts and music cultural milieu.